HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A. GOPAL REDDY
AND
HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P. SWAROOP REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.23615 OF 2005

DATE: 22.10.2007

Between:
Paper Clipping of Vaartha
Telugu Daily Newspaper containing
The news under the caption
"Rajitha Aachuki Amainattu?"

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Station House Officer,
Musheerabad Police Station,
Hyderabad & others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER: (Per Hon'ble Sri Justice A.Gopal Reddy)

Newspaper Clipping of Vaartha Telugu Daily Newspaper dated 28.10.2005 under the caption *"Rajitha Aachuki Yemainattu?"* (what

happened to whereabouts of Rajitha) was taken up as a writ petition and notices were issued to the respondents.

In response to the notice issued to the respondents, the Inspector of Police, Musheerabad Police Station, Hyderabad filed a counter affidavit stating that Smt. J.A. Manemma, W/o.J.A. Ashirwadam, R/o.H.No.1-7-135/8, Risalagadda, New Zamistanpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad lodged a complaint with the Station House Officer, Musheerabad Police Station on 23.9.2005 at 21.30 alleging that one M.Devasahayam, Poster, resident of H.No.2-131/10, Vijayapuri Colony, Uppal, Hyderabad brought one girl viz. Rajitha, daughter of Smt. Jangamma, aged about 11 years, native of Devarakonda Mandal, Nalgonda District to her house and kept her in their house on the plea that her mother could not take care of her. On 18.9.2005 in the morning at about 0900 hours the girl left their house without informing anybody and that she immediately informed about the missing of the girl to the Pastor and requested him to inform her mother Smt. Jangamma for tracing out the girl and that they too searched for the girl but in vain. Basing upon the complaint, a case in Crime No.254 of 2005 was registered under the head of 'girl missing' and investigation was taken up by the Sub-Inspector of Police. While investigation was under progress, on 1.10.2005, the mother of the missing girl Smt. Jangamma, along with her villagers came to the Police Station and had shown a paper clipping published in Eenadu Telugu Daily, dated 30.9.2005 wherein a photograph of an unknown deceased girl alleged to have been found dead in the limits of Kukatpally Police Station was published, and expressed that the deceased girl appeared to be her daughter. As such, the Sub-Inspector of Police along with the complainant visited the Mortuary of

Gandhi Hospital and as the particulars furnished by the mother, did not match with the dead body of the unknown deceased, police referred the mother of the missing girl for DNA Test and after conducting the test, it was clarified that the unidentified body lying in the Gandhi Hospital Mortuary is not that of the missing girl. Thereafter, the photographs of the missing girl were published in the newspaper announcing a reward for the person furnishing the information.

Additional affidavit filed by the Inspector of Police, Musheerabad Police Station, dated 22.10.2007 discloses various steps taken from the date of registration of crime i.e. 6.11.2005 onwards till 18.10.2007 to trace out the missing girl and stated that efforts are being made to trace out the girl, but no clues are forthcoming.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated in the affidavit filed by the first respondent, the police are directed to continue the investigation and intensify the efforts to trace out the whereabouts of the missing girl and file a necessary report after completion of the investigation into the crime before the Magistrate concerned and as and when such report is filed, the same shall be intimated to the mother of the missing girl and a copy of said report be forwarded to this Court.

With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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A. GOPAL REDDY, J.

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22nd OCTOBER, 2007 P. SWAROOP REDDY, J.

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